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October 29, 2018

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Docket title: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Approval of Proposed Electric Transportation Pilot and An Accounting Order to Defer Capital and Operating Expenses

Docket numbers: 2018-322-E and 2018-321-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I am writing to express my support for the Electric Transportation Pilot as proposed by Duke Energy. As the largest fleet percentage of electric buses in the Nation, Clemson Area Transit serves 1.9 million riders across three counties, five municipalities and four universities. Our fleet consists of thirty-one buses, sixteen of which are Proterra all-electric. The results so far point to many benefits. They include:

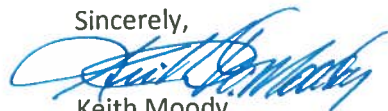
- Reduced pollution improves air quality for riders and the local community
- Reduced noise offers a better experience for our riders and the local community
- Reduced fuel and maintenance costs are making electric buses cost competitive over the life of the bus
- Increased economic development to the region as we have chosen Proterra, the nation's leading electric bus manufacturer located in Greenville, SC

Over the next seven years, CATbus is committed to expanding projects that reduce energy consumption and increase access to clean, efficient mass transit. The integration of these sixteen Proterra electric buses is a big step in making this happen. But as we make these significant investments, we'd like additional data to document benefits beyond fuel and maintenance. The Duke Energy pilot will provide that additional data on how our buses are impacting the grid. Information such as this could be very helpful as we decide on whether to replace all diesel buses with electric ones.

Lastly, we understand there is a time sensitive opportunity with potential Volkswagen Settlement funding. Opportunities like this do not appear often and we hope we can leverage multiple sources of funding if properly coordinated. Therefore, for this and the other reasons previously offered, we enthusiastically hope you will approve the pilot.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me for more information.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Keith Moody
General Manager

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